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 Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005, for which a response was due September 2, 2005. Applicants confirm the election to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-6 and 20-25, as previously elected during a telephone conversation between Mr. David Heckadon and the Examiner on May 6, 2005, with preservation of right to traverse.

Furthermore, Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time, making the due date for response November 2, 2005. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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